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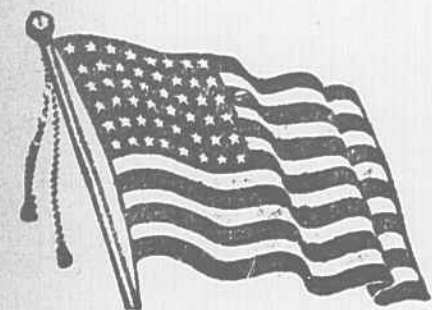
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Then join in hands, brave Americans  
By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall.

## THE NEW ARMY IN FRANCE.

THE "new" army in France about which yesterday's  
dispatches told us is presumably largely if not  
entirely made up of National army units, and it there-  
fore is untrained and untried as compared with the regulars  
and the National Guardsmen who preceded it to the front.  
But it is there, and it is by no means raw. Physically,  
mentally and spiritually it is probably the equal of any  
army ever raised in any country, and when it is remem-  
bered that General Carey held the Teutonic forces for four  
or five days after the British Fifth army failed with a  
picked up force of Chinese coolies, American engineers and  
odds and ends of French and British that fact in itself is a  
tremendous one as far as the calculations of the German  
war office are concerned.

We know that these men are fully equipped and equally  
full of fight. Serving under experienced British officers  
who know all that there is to be known about the present  
methods of warfare, they will be able to give a good ac-  
count of themselves right now if need be. Speaking to a  
correspondent of a Berlin paper just after the great drive  
on the west began, Hindenburg said "time is with us." It  
was a characteristic Prussian military lie. Time is against  
Germany, and it counts heavier every passing minute.

## COMPULSORY MARRIAGE.

ONE hesitates to believe this report that a German  
commission to investigate the declining birth rate has  
brought in a recommendation for compulsory mar-  
riage before the end of the twentieth year with financial  
assistance for the young couples. There has been a lot  
of loose talk in Germany about plural marriages, free love  
and other expedients to compensate for the great gap which  
the war has torn in the population, but most of it has origi-  
nated with extremists of one kind and another and soci-  
eties for the spread of dampfoolery—and every country has  
its share of that sort of thing.

But this Amsterdam report to the Daily Express, if it is  
true at all, is a matter of quite another aspect. It is official.  
And anything that is official in Germany is entitled to be  
treated with the utmost seriousness. No matter how ab-  
surd; no matter how utterly wrong, anything stands a pretty  
good chance of going through in Germany, especially in  
Prussia, if it is official.

And this compulsory marriage project would be both  
absurd and wrong. Lycurgus, the semi-legendary law  
giver of Sparta, who invented this theory that the state is  
something sacred before which the people must cringe and  
sacrifice, had some rather strong ideas upon the marriage  
question and upon the proper way for children to be reared,  
but even he did not attempt to enforce marriage. Favored  
by geographical position and by the opinions of the period  
regarding woman, the institutions of Lycurgus made it pos-  
sible for Sparta to be a great power for four or five cen-  
turies, but in the end not only Spartan power but the Spar-  
tan citizens perished miserably. Germany right in the  
center of Europe would run the race to the same finish  
in as many decades.

What would happen if Germany would undertake to  
compel the youth of the land to wed it is impossible to say.  
It would depend largely upon what measures the state  
would take to enforce its ordinances and how the some-  
what delicate matter of getting the right girl mated with  
the right lad would be accomplished. The Prussian way,  
of course, would be to say brutally that love and soul af-  
finities are matters with which the state has no concern and  
just pair them off in the same unconventional manner the  
surgery rhyme leads one to believe old Noah employed.  
But however it is done, the inevitable result would be suf-

## RUFF STUFF

Wonder if today's will be counted as  
a regular parade?

Harry Smith isn't the chief marshal  
you know, and that's against the law,  
or the Bill o' Rights, or something.

Speaking of ruthlessness, cold blood-  
ed slaughter and such—

His the Hun has nothing on the  
Fairmont correspondent of the Inter-  
national News Service.

That bloodthirsty guy killed Creed  
Powell the other night.

Not long ago he killed young Mal-  
colm Snider.

And there are other victims of his  
ruthlessness walking around and en-  
joying three squares a day.

His typewriter is mightier than Old  
Time's any time.

And while he is around life in Fair-  
mont is very uncertain.

Wonder how he manages to get by  
with it?

He ought to be interned as a meas-  
ure of public safety.

Kaiser Bill inspecting a military  
cemetery at Aix-la-Chapelle said it was  
not his will that the war came.

Bill, old scout, either you are a liar  
or that is a confession that you are a  
monkey on a stick instead of an em-  
peror.

German documents already pub-  
lished prove that Germany willed the  
war.

And there'll be no wiping that out.

The Weather Man certainly knows  
how to be polite to the ladies.

fering, immorality that would make the tales of antiquity  
seem mild, and instead of making the race grow stronger  
it would lead to deterioration in every direction.

And that is precisely the kind of a penalty any people  
infatuated with a political heresy such as the Germans be-  
lieve in deserve to pay. Compulsory marriage forsooth.  
It is a biological absurdity, but it is a perfectly natural off-  
spring of the rudimentary Teutonic capacity for self gov-  
ernment.

## THE AIRCRAFT Muddle.

ONE of the most interesting developments of the pres-  
ent week at Washington was the effort of Senator  
Chamberlain, chairman of the Senate Military com-  
mittee, to get through a resolution which under the pretext  
of investigating the aircraft scandal would have per-  
mitted a general investigation of the whole conduct of the  
war, which President Wilson opposes at this time, and  
which the public is by no means demanding. The matter  
was to have come to a head yesterday, but it went over  
until the first of next week, and it is broadly intimated that  
it never will come up again in its present form.

We have lost the score, but this adds another to the long  
list of lickings which Chamberlain has taken at the hands  
of the President since the present session began, and there  
is no sign that the treatment he has received has improved  
either his understanding or his good nature. What is it all  
about anyhow? Chamberlain is down on the records as  
a Democrat. It is pointed out, however, that his is a Re-  
publican state, but there is no evidence that President bait-  
ing is any more popular in Oregon than Hoover baiting is  
in Missouri. The basis of the whole performance may be  
personal antipathy of some sort, but no matter what the  
inspiration it is far from becoming among members of the  
party which is forever lecturing Republicans about sup-  
porting the administration.

Now that Charles E. Hughes has agreed to take over  
the investigation of the aircraft muddle, the public, while  
conceding that it is a right which the Senate has, and  
which it should exercise under ordinary circumstances,  
would be just as well satisfied if the Military committee  
were to keep hands off until Hughes gets through. The  
public has entire confidence in the ability of Judge Hughes  
to get to the bottom of the affair and in his willingness to  
tell all of what he finds out that public policy permits at  
this time, and it is not sure that as much can be said for  
any congressional investigation.

The third Liberty loan was oversubscribed 39 per  
cent and the total is \$4,170,019,650, the Treasury de-  
partment announces. And all of this is real money, not  
farcry of doubtful value which enables the German gov-  
ernment to maintain a fiction that its war loans are  
successful. The number of subscribers was in the  
neighborhood of 17,000,000, which is another little  
item that may well cause serious thought at Berlin. And  
the greatest Republic in the world is only begin-  
ning to get into the war. If Germany does not quit  
before we get on a footing comparable with her own  
or France's the world will never return to anything  
resembling ante bellum conditions.

There are signs at Washington that the big steel in-  
terests are in a mood to lock horns with the govern-  
ment on the question of further increases in production  
for government account and that some of the big auto-  
mobile concerns are going to fight further curtailment  
of their industries. Which is just another way of say-  
ing that a lot of business men who ought to know bet-  
ter have yet to learn that there is a vast difference  
between the government when it is carrying on a war  
and Congress. They can bully Congress at any time,  
but they haven't a ghost of a show in an argument with  
the executive branch. What the government needs to  
whip Germany it must have, and if any interests stand  
in the way the public will view with complacency any  
measures the government may find necessary to take to  
clear out the obstructions. We want this war ended as  
quickly as possible, and we will not stand for any ob-  
structionists at home.

A new German plot in Ireland has been discovered,  
and the proclamation of the Chief Secretary for Ireland  
stigmatizes it as a reflection on Ireland's fair name.  
And it is a shot from the rear at every Irishman fight-  
ing against the Hun, whether he comes directly from  
Ireland, from the United States or the British domin-  
ions. Irish agitators are doing their best to alienate  
the sympathies of Irishmen throughout the world, and  
at this stage it is impossible to predict what effect that  
is going to have upon the future of the Irish in Ireland.  
It was money from across the seas that kept the Home  
rule fight alive.

Dr. Alex. Carrel, of the Rockefeller Institute, has  
been made a commander of the French Legion of  
Honor. Dr. Carrel's triumphs have been more specta-  
cular in their field than any soldier has been able to win  
in his during this war, and it is good to remember oc-  
casional that the effects of this war are not all nega-  
tive. Not only surgery, but preventative medicine,  
aeronautics, industrial efficiency and many other things  
which will have a marked influence upon the arts of  
peace have advanced with mighty strides during the  
past four years as a direct result of the war.

## SHORT AND SNAPPY

An American alarm clock worried the Germans.  
That's nothing. One worries us every morning—  
Wheeling News.

The Hun should remember that the first apostles of  
frightfulness ran down a steep place into the sea—  
Martinsburg World.

We are glad the President pardoned the two young  
soldiers who slept at their posts in France—some think  
he could hardly do otherwise, having dozed at his own  
post for a couple of years.—West Virginia News.

Lenine is said to be taking a gloomy view of the situ-  
ation in Russia, yet he has himself to thank for the  
most of it.—Charleston Mail.

## Editorial Comment

on Current Subjects

AN UNEQUALLED RECORD OF  
GREAT CONSTRUCTIVE WORK.  
From the Baltimore Sun.  
This quotation is from a man who  
speaks with authority:

No other organization since the  
world began has ever done such  
great constructive work with the  
efficiency, the dispatch, under-  
standing, often under adverse cir-  
cumstances, that has been done in  
France by the American Red  
Cross in the last six months.  
That is claiming a great deal for the  
Red Cross. Yet those who have  
end of the variety and extent of the  
work done can very well believe it. The  
hospitals equipped and supported, the  
ill and the wounded treated and  
nursed, the food and drink furnished  
to men on the fighting line, the am-  
bulances furnished and driven, the  
recreation centers established, the  
homeless children cared for, the refu-

ges supported and made working  
members of society again, the arti-  
ficial limbs furnished, the homes and  
convalescent hospitals maintained, the  
surgical dressings and socks and  
sweaters supplied, the re-education  
of mutilated soldiers, the fight against  
the scourge of tuberculosis, the build-  
ing of warehouse and supply stations  
and canteens at the ports and at the  
front and in between—to organize  
work of this kind on a scale to meet  
the needs of millions of soldiers is cer-  
tainly something stupendous. Very  
probably no other organization since  
the world began has made such a  
record.

We have said that the statement  
quoted above was made by a man who  
speaks with authority. He is a man  
who speaks with unequalled authority  
on this particular subject, one who has  
greater facilities than any other Amer-  
ican for knowing exactly what the  
Red Cross has accomplished, one who  
is ordinarily not prodigal of compli-  
ments, one who would have every rea-  
son to be critical if the work had not  
been well done.

That, in fact, is the testimony of  
General Pershing himself. Ought we  
all not to be glad that we can take a  
hand in this work? Oughtn't we to  
be proud to be connected with it? If so,  
let us grab at the opportunity to sub-  
scribe to the Red Cross Fund.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### PRaise for the Press.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 14th.—  
[Editor The West Virginian.]—The  
press is the morale that makes im-  
pregnable the second line of defense  
of our country.

The man behind the pen is no less  
a power than the man behind the gun.  
You have the opportunity to fire so  
many shots a day into the Hun as to  
be the envy of the laity who are not  
so privileged.

Because of the publicity and co-op-  
eration you have given us in the Liberty  
Loan campaign, on behalf of myself  
and the patriotic women whom I have  
been able to enlist until victory is  
ours, I wish to thank you.

Cordially,  
LINA SIMPSON POFFENBARGER,  
(Mrs. George Poffenbarger), Chair-  
man Woman's Liberty Loan Com-  
mittee, West Virginia.

## What People Say

and Some Side Remarks

The theatre people are not such a  
bad sort. C. W. Evans, secretary of  
the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce,  
makes this point in connection with  
one of his four-minute speeches:

"I was assigned to a Fairmont  
theatre and went there without  
my slide. I jestingly asked the  
management if I could go 'on'  
without such an announcement.  
He volunteered to cut out the  
name of another speaker on a  
slide he had there and remarked  
that the audience could guess who  
it was talking. Imagine my sur-  
prise when the slide was flashed  
to see that some one had gone to  
the trouble of putting my name on it."

The movie theatres have certainly  
done their share of war work and for  
that matter the legitimate theatre in  
Fairmont is equally prominent. It  
thinks patriotic donating the theatre  
for the recent Liberty Loan meetings  
and furnishing the electric lights and  
other expenses in addition to throwing  
open the doors of the house.

Chairman W. C. Wardlaw, of the  
Sixth Federal Reserve district, is  
gratified at the interest being man-  
ifested in the war by the country peo-  
ple:

"I have handled all three cam-  
paigns in this district and the  
third is really the first one in  
which we have been able to reach  
the country districts, but we now  
have every county thoroughly or-  
ganized and these organizations  
will be maintained, and I antici-  
pate that in the fourth campaign  
it will be easier to reach our quota  
than in the one just closed. Our  
entire efforts are being directed  
to the sale of the bonds to indi-  
viduals and we have worked just  
as hard to sell the \$50.00 man  
as to those who could buy in large  
amounts."

## EAST SIDE

— NEWS —

### At First M. P. Church.

Red Cross speakers will occupy the  
early part of the service at the First  
Methodist Protestant church tomor-  
row evening. You are asked to be  
present and enjoy the speaking and  
the special music.

### Returned Home.

Mrs. John J. Baker returned to her  
home at Keyser Friday after spending  
a few days with her parents, Mr. and  
Mrs. Clark Merrifield, in Columbia  
street. Mrs. Baker came down to see  
her brother, Leonard Merrifield, who  
left for Richmond Wednesday evening  
to enter government service.

### Mother Very Ill.

Mrs. E. D. Holden, of Council Place,  
was called to Thoburn yesterday morn-  
ing by the critical illness of her moth-  
er, Mrs. Alice Grandstaff. Mrs. Grand-  
staff had been ill for a couple of weeks  
and in the last two days her condition  
has been very grave, her physicians  
having very little hope of recovery.

### Lost Valuable Horse.

W. N. Arnett, of Diamond street,  
had the misfortune to lose one of his  
fine black horses Friday. The animal  
which became ill Thursday night and  
died Friday was valued at \$300.

### Moving Pictures.

The African pictures shown at the  
First Methodist Protestant church on  
Friday evening were very much en-  
joyed by the audience. The entertain-  
ment was given under the auspices of

May 1918.

COURTNEYS' STORE NEWS

Reliable Advertising

## May Is a Smiling Month—It Is Worth While To View Our Showing of Summer Apparel Now

### "Business Unusual"

That must be our slogan  
here at home. In England  
at the commencement of  
the war, the motto was—  
"Business as usual" but  
that was not enough! Our  
army and those of our Al-  
lies would soon be useless  
and in distress if we at  
home failed to put our  
shoulders to the wheel and  
keep them supplied with  
everything needed—food,  
arms, munitions, clothing  
and the means of trans-  
porting these supplies. Ev-  
erybody must be earning  
—the earnings must be kept  
in constant circulation.  
Let our motto be

### "Business Unusual"

There will be many outings in  
May and on through the summer.

### A Bathing Suit Will Surely be Required.

Fascinating bathing costumes  
are here in one piece Jersey. Use-  
ful, serviceable and sensible. The  
color combinations are strikingly  
beautiful.

\$2.25 to \$7.50.

Annette Kellerman Tights, an  
ideal swimming suit  
At 75c.

True Values

## Exquisite Summer Frocks That Are Lovable As Well As Tubable!

\$4.85 to \$12.50

No matter whether you  
had thought of a new  
Summer Frock or not  
you'll want to see the col-  
lections that are just fill-  
ing into their place. There  
all the most desirable be-  
cause they're washable—  
wear them as often as  
you please, no need to wor-  
ry about soiling them.

Cotton voiles, marqui-  
settes, Anderson ging-  
hams, Cotton Foulards and Linens.

There are checks, plaids, barred and dotted ef-  
fects, floral and other designs. Collars and cuffs of  
organdie, with fancy bodice, high waisted and girdle  
effects, many are lace and embroidery trimmed.

Skirts are tunic, draped, tucked, ruffled, pleated  
or merely plain styles. Just about any color you  
could possibly want. In sizes from 16 to 44. There is  
wonderful choosing from \$4.85 to \$12.50.

See Them Displayed in Our East Window.

### New Arrivals of the Most Attractive Middies

Most decidedly new in smocking  
and embroidery touches. Just  
what you need for sport wear or  
work in the War Garden. Finest  
Galatea and Linene.  
\$1.89, \$2.15, \$2.25 and \$2.65

### A Fine Lot of Aprons

and at a most opportune time.  
These bungalow aprons are of the  
good serviceable kind, of the stuff  
and workmanship that mother and  
grandmother wore. Never a day,  
but useful.

75c up to \$2.15.

## Courtneys'

108-110 Main St.

## YOUR WAR GARDEN

What's your most perplexing  
garden problem? Let the garden Ed-  
itor of the daily West Virginian solve it  
for you.

"A Boy Reader"—Yes, rabbits eat  
lettuce and carrots, too, so grow both  
more carrots than lettuce, for the  
carrots will be fine next winter while  
lettuce comes at the same time rab-  
bits can get plenty of grass.

"Mrs. Farmerette"—Kale is grown  
very early in the spring and very late  
in the fall. It requires a cool, grow-  
ing season, and resembles the non-  
heading cabbage.

"P. P."—There is no "extra good"  
summer spinach. The New Zealand  
type thrives better in summer than  
any other, but there are too many  
other green things then to bother  
with it. Better give the ground space  
to something else, sowing the other

varieties of spinach for fall and early  
winter use.

"H. G. Moore"—If a part of your  
garden is low and inclined to hold  
water, dig a deep hole and fill with  
coarse ashes or brick bats to within  
two feet of the surface which should  
be sandy garden soil. This serves  
as drainage.

"E. R."—Air slacked lime sprink-  
led over sour soil will make it  
all right. You can tell if it's sour by  
getting five cents' worth of blue lit-  
mus, paper at the drug store. Moisten  
a handful of soil and press it on the  
paper. If the paper turns red the  
soil needs lime.

"T. J."—Lima beans may be har-  
vested in about 22 weeks after planting.  
"Miss H."—Some varieties of  
radish may be eaten 35 to 30 days  
after sowing, depending upon the  
condition of the soil and weather.

What's your question?

the Steele Sunshine Circle.

### From Grafton.

Guy Powell, of Grafton, is in the  
city to see his father, C. A. Powell, who  
is a patient at the Fairmont hospital  
suffering from the effects of a fall at  
his place of business in Monroe  
street. Mr. Powell is still in a seri-  
ous condition.

### Returned Here.

Mrs. A. J. Bonafield, of Tunnelton,  
arrived here Friday and will spend  
some time with Miss Virginia Hel-  
mick in Diamond street. D. S. Hel-  
mick who has been a patient at Fair-  
mont hospital for several weeks, has  
returned to his home.

### At Diamond Street Church.

Attorney Harry Shaw and H. H.  
Rose will be the Red Cross speakers  
at the Diamond street church tomor-  
row evening. On Sunday evening, May  
16, the Woman's Foreign Missionary  
Society will present a program of read-  
ings, pantomimes and special music.  
At this meeting the offering for the  
Trinket and Treasure fund will be  
taken. The program will be given  
later.

### Shaffer-Morgan.

The Diamond Street M. E. parson-  
age was the scene of a very pretty  
wedding last evening when Earl Shaf-  
fer and Miss Verta Morgan were united  
in marriage by the pastor, Rev. J. E.  
Wells. Mrs. Shaffer is the accom-  
plished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry  
Morgan, of Market street, and a  
very successful teacher in the East  
Side school. Mr. Shaffer is a son of  
Mrs. Susan Shaffer, 349 Tyger street,  
and is a member of the 113th engineer-  
ing corps at Camp Shelby, Hatties-  
burg, Miss., and is spending a ten  
days' furlough here. The ceremony  
was witnessed by the bride's two sis-  
ters only.

### At R. E. Kern's.

Miss Iona Snyder, of Orlando, is the  
guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Kerns in  
Diamond street.

### Personals.

Miss Margaret Congleton, of Man-  
nington, was a recent guest of Miss  
Catharine Miller in Morgantown ave-  
nue.

Mrs. W. J. Arnett, of Little Falls, re-  
turned home today after spending a  
few days with her sister, Mrs. Bert  
Helmick, in Diamond street.

Miss Cooper, of Webster Springs, is  
visiting her sister, Mrs. F. B. Gregory  
in Guffey street.

Miss Katharine Shaffer, of Newton  
street, is visiting relatives in Grafton.  
Misses Sara Kuhn and Sara Jacobs  
are guests of relatives at Colfax where  
they attended the birthday party given  
for Clarence Keener Thursday even-  
ing.

## IRON AND BLOOD.



Few people know that every coun-  
tryman, no matter how poor, such as  
the Indian, the Chinese, the Arab, the  
Negro, the white man, the Jew, the  
Greek, the Roman, the Persian, the  
Egyptian, the Assyrian, the Babylonian,  
the Phoenician, the Carthaginian, the  
Spartan, the Athenian, the Roman, the  
Greek, the Persian, the Egyptian, the  
Assyrian, the Babylonian, the Phoenician,  
the Carthaginian, the Spartan, the  
Athenian, the Roman, the Greek, the  
Persian, the Egyptian, the Assyrian,  
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